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in the Chair.

*Report on Additions to the Menagerie during June to
October 1907.*

JUNE.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of June were 210 in number. Of these 60 were acquired by presentation and 33 by purchase, 89 were received on deposit, 3 by exchange, and 25 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 222.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following :—

A male Musk-Deer (*Moschus moschiferus*) from Chamba, presented by Major Rodon, F.Z.S., on June 16th.

A male Red Bird of Paradise (*Paradisea rubra*) from Waigion, a male Twelve-wired Bird of Paradise (*Seleucides nigricans*) from Salvatti, and two pairs of King Birds of Paradise (*Cicinnurus regius*) from Aru Island, purchased on June 8th.

An Abyssinian Fruit-Pigeon (*Vinago waalia*), two Buff-breasted Partridges (*Ptilopachys fuscus*), a Black-billed Hornbill (*Lophoceros nasutus*), and two Black-backed Plovers (*Pluvianus aegyptius*) from Nigeria, presented by Miss Jardine on June 15th.

JULY.

The additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of July were 364 in number. Of these 114 were acquired by presentation and 20 by purchase, 38 were received on deposit, 145 by exchange, and 47 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 273.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following :—

A South-African Fennec (*Vulpes chama*) from S. Africa, purchased on July 3rd.

A Three-striped Phalanger (*Dactylopsila trivirgata*) from Salvatti, New Guinea, presented by Walter Goodfellow, Esq., F.Z.S., on July 26th.

A Collection of 139 Birds, principally from North America, including two White-headed Sea-Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*),

two Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*), four Sulphur-breasted Toucans (*Rhamphastos carinatus*), as well as a large number of Thrushes, Finches, and other Passerine birds, representing many species new to the Collection: received in exchange from the Bronx Zoological Park, New York, on July 10th.

AUGUST.

The additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of August were 185 in number. Of these 51 were acquired by presentation and 6 by purchase, 81 were received on deposit, 9 by exchange, and 38 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 152.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

A Simpai Langur (*Semnopithecus melalophus*), being the second example of this rare Monkey exhibited in the Gardens, deposited August 17th.

A Phillips's Dik-Dik (*Madoqua phillipsi*), new to the Collection, presented by Capt. M. J. Quirke, I.M.S., August 27th.

A female Mountain Zebra (*Equus zebra*), presented by A. W. Guthrie, Esq., F.Z.S., August 14th. The Society have now a pair of these Zebras.

A young Lammergeier (*Gypaëtus barbatus*), presented by F. Burgoyne, Esq., F.Z.S., August 28th.

SEPTEMBER.

The additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of September were 149 in number. Of these 68 were acquired by presentation, 2 by purchase, 65 were received on deposit, 4 by exchange, and 10 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 158.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

One female Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis antiquorum*), born in the Menagerie on Sept. 20th.

One male Gayal (*Bibos frontalis*), born in the Menagerie on Sept. 6th.

Three Harnessed Antelopes (*Tragelaphus scriptus*), one Nagor Antelope (*Cervicapra redunca*), and two Side-striped Jackals (*Canis lateralis*), from Gambia, presented by Sir George Denton, K.C.M.G., F.Z.S., on Sept. 28th.

One Cayenne Kite-Falcon (*Leptodon cayennensis*), deposited on Sept. 30th.

OCTOBER.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of October were 214 in number. Of these 107 were acquired by presentation, 3 by purchase, 92 were received on deposit, 10 by exchange, and 2 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 140.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

Two Chinchillas (*Chinchilla lanigera*), presented by the Countess de Grey on Oct. 4th.

Five Viscachas (*Lagostomus trichodactylus*), three presented by the Countess de Grey on Oct. 4th, and two deposited on Oct. 26th.

A Spotted Cuscus (*Phalanger maculatus*), new to the Collection, purchased on Oct. 4th.

A Naked-throated Bell-bird (*Chasmorhynchus nudicollis*), deposited on Oct. 16th.

A Ground Hornbill (*Bucorvus abyssinicus*), deposited on Oct. 3rd.

Two Arizona Heloderms (*Heloderma suspectum*), deposited on Oct. 10th.

Mr. R. I. Pocock, F.L.S., the Superintendent of the Gardens, exhibited two photographs of a kitten bred in the Gardens between a male European Wild Cat (*Felis sylvestris*) and a female African Wild Cat (*Felis ocreata ugandæ*), and made the following remarks:—

The kitten was one of a litter of three born on August 14th. Two were eaten by the mother soon after birth, but the third was safely reared by a foster-cat. The three kittens were alike in pattern and resembled in all respects fairly typical domestic cats of the striped-tabby breed, as was shown by the photographs taken on Sept. 4th and Oct. 22nd, when the survivor was respectively about three and nine weeks old (text-figs. 194, 195, p. 750). This experiment in cross-breeding, although throwing no light upon the origin of the Blotched-tabby Domestic Cat, confirmed Mr. Pocock's opinion* that the Striped-tabby Domestic Cat of Europe was descended from the European and African Wild Cats (*Felis sylvestris* and *Felis ocreata*).

Mr. R. Lydekker, F.R.S., F.Z.S., exhibited, on behalf of the Hon. Walter Rothschild, the skins and horns of a male and female Takin from Bhutan, differing from the typical Mishmi form by its much smaller horns.

* P. Z. S. 1907, pp. 143-166.